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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An interior rearview mirror assembly for a vehicle includes
a mirror casing and a prismatic interior reflective element.
The reflective element comprises a wedge-shaped glass
substrate having a perimeter edge about a periphery of the
glass substrate and extending between first and second
surfaces thereof. The glass substrate has a mirror reflector
established at the second surface. A front surface of the
perimeter edge provides a smooth curved transition at the
perimeter edge between a perimeter region of the first
surface and the mirror casing. The front surface of the
perimeter edge is rounded by at least one of grinding and
polishing to provide a generally rounded curved surface
between the first surface of the glass substrate and the mirror
casing. The radius of curvature of the front surface is at least
about 2.5 mm. No portion of the mirror casing encompasses
the first surface of the glass substrate.

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